



Coffs Harbour Public School

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we live and work and we pay our respects to the Elders both past and present

16th March, 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,
Good luck to our Netball teams at the local Gala Day and school Cricket team playing Bellingen PS today. The teams have been training well and Mrs Martin and Mr Easey have expressed their pleasure at the great sportsmanship and improved abilities of their teams.

Tomorrow our students will have the opportunity to attend the Camp Quality Puppet Shows. Chris and Alice from Camp Quality will be presenting two shows for our students. This is a free service.

At the P&C meeting held last Wednesday, some new executive members were voted in. Congratulations to Samantha Bergen who is the new President and Megan and Thorsten Brakenhielm who are the new Vice Presidents. It is wonderful news to have a full executive P&C. Once again the P&C and its growing numbers of volunteers are working extremely hard to fundraise. There is still a large amount of outstanding money owed to canteen suppliers from the second half of 2015; however with the help of the community fundraising, this is reducing. Please support the Trivia Night this Friday as all proceeds will further go towards these outstanding bills.

I have been speaking to the Coffs Harbour City Council regarding the congestion on Salamander Street and the difficulties for children crossing the road on Albany Street. Information will be asked of our parents shortly to highlight the exact issues that we have so that this can go to Council. Thanks in advance for thinking about ways to alleviate these problems. I am hoping to work closely with the council on these matters.

Please continue to vote for our fantastic sculpture at Park Beach Plaza.

Have a great week,
Leonie

BULLYING NO WAY DAY OF ACTION:

Friday the 18th March is the National Bullying No Way – National Day of Action against bullying. In support of developing our school as a Kids Matter school we are celebrating this Friday with

a shared morning tea in the playground. All students from Kindergarten to year 6 will be in the playground to eat and chat to support this day. The classrooms have all been having conversations and completing activities to better understand bullying and what we can do about it. This is a great conversation to have with your children and support the school. A great website to look at and increase your understanding is: www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

RED 25 BLOOD DONATION GROUP

As part of community service and support we are continuing to build our Red 25 Blood donation group. From January last year until today members in this group have donated 25 times which ultimately has saved 75 lives. Blood donation is a simple and supportive community activity that costs nothing other than your time and you get rewarded with a milkshake and something to eat. Please support the school group – Coffs Harbour Public School in donating blood. If you are already a blood donor you can join online with your donor number. If you are new to donating you will need to register to donate and when you have donated the first time you can elect to join the group.

PATCH

The PATCH (Parents as Classroom Helpers) Program has commenced with participants learning the importance of talking to children. They have been practising their skills in the classrooms and reflecting on their experiences. A second session on how children learn to read and how we can help them, was held last Friday.

Participants are keen to get into the classroom and put their new knowledge into practice. Thank you to all of our participants for their time, enthusiasm and effort!



SKOOLBAG APP:

The Skoolbag app that can be downloaded onto your phones has a great deal of information and is updated daily with all school information. Currently within the school we have 43 people who have downloaded the app and receive news-letter and other information and reminders. We are receiving absence notifications from this app also which helps the school keep track of the students. Please download this app if you would like to receive the information from the school. This is another way we are trying to support our families with our communication.

EASTER BUNS:

The Easter Hot Cross Bun fundraising event at the school is drawing to a close. All orders and money are required to be in by the end of school (3pm) on Friday 18th March (this week). The buns will then be available for collection or be returned home with your child on Thursday 24th March. All funds raised from this event go to maintaining the school mini bus.

Camp Quality Puppet Show

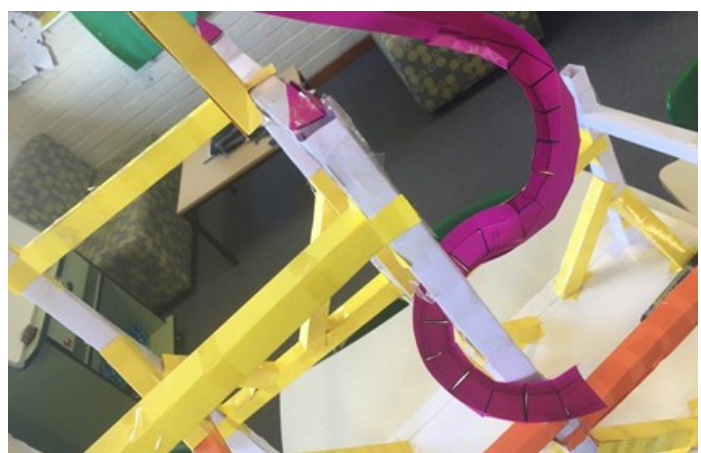
Thursday March 17th we will host the Camp Quality Puppet Show. Viewing times will be K-2 12pm and 3-6 classes will watch the show at 1.45pm. If your family has experienced Cancer, Leukemia or Alopecia you may find it worthwhile to attend. It helps children and adults to understand a little more about cancer and ,importantly, how to be a good friend.

Annual School Report

A copy of our 2015 Annual School Report is now available on our website via the following link https://edit.pws.det.nsw.edu.au/web/coffs-harbour-public-school/our-school/annual-school-report?pm=EDIT_SITE . The report contains lots of interesting information about our school community and achievements of our students over the past year.

Roller Coaster Fun in 5/6B

In Science this term we have been studying rollercoasters. We have learned about gravity, centripetal forces, friction and how these affect the movement of the rollercoaster. We found out interesting facts about them like the first rollercoasters ran on ice and you had to sit on them sideways. We then designed our own rollercoaster, made a framework for it to sit on and then made it out of card. The framework took a long time to make as it had to be perfectly straight and level so that the rollercoaster runs smoothly. After the frame was finished we then made the rollercoaster. Wow, this was hard work but by using teamwork and perseverance we managed to get our rollercoasters working. We will be finding the 5/6B's winning rollercoaster in our assembly on Friday.



Head Lice Information

Coffs Harbour Public School, like all schools, from time to time has infestations of head lice amongst the student population. The following information is to advise what the school will do, and what parents are asked to do in the case of an infestation of head lice. If all members of our community follow the guidelines and recommended procedures it will assist in reducing the occurrence of head lice at Coffs Harbour Public School.

Results of research show that head lice infestations are a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools

- About 23% of primary students have head lice at any one time
- Anyone can catch head lice regardless of their age, sex, or how clean their hair is
- Head lice move from one person's head to another via hair
- Head lice do not survive long when they are off a human head
- Head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding or carpet
- Head lice have built up some resistance to head lice treatments
- Daily combing of white hair conditioner through the hair using a fine tooth comb is effective in getting rid of head lice and eggs (nits)

Information on effective treatment is essential to break the cycle of head lice infestation.

What you can expect from your school:

Advice from NSW Health indicates that there is no need for students to be sent home or excluded from school because of head lice.

Observing students scratching their heads is not a reliable or efficient means of assessing head lice prevalence in the school.

The school will send a letter home to parents when infestations of head lice occur and request that parents examine their child's hair and undertake treatment where eggs or lice are identified.

Ways of communicating information about head lice infestations and treatment for parents (eg through school newsletters) They will also encourage students to avoid head to head contact, in group activities as far as possible.

Tips for parents in reducing the spread of head lice:

Regularly check your children's hair
Teach older children to check their own hair
Tie back and braid long hair
Keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair.

As infestations are particularly common in primary schools, it is best to choose a treatment that can be used over time. There is no single solution to eradication, only persistence.

For more information on the treatment of head lice, please visit: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/pages/default.aspx>

School Rules

At Coffs Harbour Public School our students strive for excellence and are responsible, respectful and safe at all times. This is so we can all learn in a happy and safe environment. Here is a reminder of our school rules.

BE RESPONSIBLE

We will be responsible by:

Keeping our school environment clean and tidy
Being in the right place at the right time
Attending school every day, striving for personal excellence

BE RESPECTFUL

We will be respectful by;

Looking after our own, others and the school's property
Treating others the way you wish to be treated
Respecting students, teachers, parents and school staff by listening to instructions and helping others

BE SAFE

We will be safe by;

Staying calm, cool and collected when faced with challenging situations or when someone is not being nice
Acting in a safe and considerate way at school and when travelling to and from school
Working and playing fairly

STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE

We will demonstrate excellence by;

Attending school regularly in full school uniform.
Participating to the best of my ability in all school activities
Seek and receive feedback for improvement

Easter Hamper Raffle

The raffle date will now be Wednesday 23rd March, so all tickets and raffle books need to be returned by Tuesday 22nd March.

Hello Parents and Students,

*Education is not the learning of facts , but the training of the mind to think- **Albert Einstein***

Thank you to parents who have been avoiding the bus bay when dropping off your children in the morning. The fine is \$319 and 2 demerit points if you are in our bus zone during **8-9.30**- so this is a money issue as well as a safety issue. Children use the crossing to enter the main gate and we need to keep them safe as a #1 priority.

Interrelate is running a program that could help if your 6-8 year old child is experiencing loss and grief. Details are in this newsletter. I have links to other community organisations who deal with families and can offer support, activities or advice. This includes financial and parenting advice. Please ask for me at the front office and I will do my best to link you with some help.

The P&C have all positions filled and have some positive programs and events coming up such as the coin trail, Easter raffle and treats for sale at lunchtimes. Parents are encouraged to attend the Easter Hat Parade on Wed March 23rd in the school hall. The classes march and parade their hats with much pride in their work. Parents, grandparents and carers love to attend and see their student's smiling faces.

The Camp Quality Puppet Show will be performing two shows tomorrow (Thursday). K-2 years will be at midday and Years 3-6 from 1.45. It will take approximately an hour. We wanted to issue a special invitation to members of our families who have been affected by cancer or alopecia.

I will be contacting parents of children in 2L and 5/6B to remind them about assembly on Friday, and also to view their child's artwork on display in the school foyer.

The Jetty sculpture submitted by 3/4O in the recycled sculpture competition at the Plaza is well thought out and shows remarkable construction skills. Please vote via the app or Website (easiest) so our school can have a chance at a share in the prize money.

And- Last Thing! My role is to increase parent involvement in the school. More than 300 studies have shown that the #1 action to improve student performance and build a great school is having parents involved. You may be able to help out the Sustainability Club with your gardening skills- Thanks Carmel. You can help Kindy Kids learn about books and take their first steps in reading like the parents undertaking the PATCH program Parents As Teacher Classroom Helpers. You may be able to find time to transport a sports team- Thanks Jo. And thanks to Ana (amongst

others) for attending the P&C meeting to find ways to involve yourself in the school.

Thank you,
Caitlin Mackie
Parent/Community Liaison Officer

P&C News

After our most recent P&C Meeting we now have a few new people on our executive committee.

President – Samantha Bergen

Vice President – Megan Brakenhielm

Vice President – Thorsten Brakenhielm

Please make them feel welcome in their new roles for our school.

The P&C is holding a Coin Trail competition Information about that came home with last weeks newsletter – the children are being encouraged to bring in any loose change (with permission from home) so that we can make a coin trail. There will be prizes of icy poles for the class in each stage with the longest coin trail. The competition ends on Tuesday 5th April please send in any spare change.

If you have any large old jars at home that you can spare please send them in to the school. We will be using them for collecting and displaying the coins in each classroom for the coin trail.

P&C Trivia Night will be this Friday the 18th March. The Theme is Movie Stars and tickets are \$15 each, or a table of 6 for \$60.

Tickets are being pre-sold so if you would like to book your tables please let us know.

Our Easter Raffle tickets have been sent home. We will be raffling off 3 Easter Hampers and would love our school families to help make these hampers amazing by sending in donations of Easter chocolates or craft supplies – any donation will be very greatly appreciated, no matter how small. Please drop off at the office.

The raffle date will now be Wednesday 23rd March, so all tickets and raffle books need to be returned by Tuesday 22nd March.

If you would like more information about our P&C and how to join please let me know. We have our AGM coming up in May so if you'd like to be a part of the P&C and have your say at our AGM you need to join before, or at our next meeting.

The next P&C meeting will be held 6th April at 6pm -New Members Welcome!!

If you would like any further information please contact Jacqi Howe on [0422428288](tel:0422428288) or email chpspandc@gmail.com

Our Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/chpspandc>

Thanks,
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